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1. Sometime prior to 8 August 1947 the Chinese Communists in Chefoo activated a Navy Training Corps as a source of officers and men for the Communist Coast Guard. The course of training is for one year. At present there are 1500 cadets in the Corps. These are generally of higher mental and physical caliber than the Communist army personnel. Because there are insufficient volunteers to fill the school's quota, most of the cadets are draftees. A conscription program is now under way for the second class, which will number 2,000.

2. Following their training in the Corps, cadets are assigned to duty aboard gun-boats.

There are 500 cadets from the first class engaged in sea duty at present.

3. A Soviet naval officer named Yabonov advises the Corps instructors in training methods, etc. Exceptional students may be sent to naval schools in the USSR.

4. Yabonov arrived in Chefoo in February 1947. He was transported surreptitiously by a Soviet ship from North Korea. He wears a green military uniform with no insignia but he previously held the rank (equivalent to that) of a commander in the Soviet Black Sea Fleet. He resides in the Chiao Yang Road Dormitory of the Communist Navy Training Corps.

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